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RESPONSE

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Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated October 23, 2002.

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 have been presented for examination. Claims 14-23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,390,980 to Peterson *et al.* Claims 1-4 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over the patent to Peterson *et al.* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,416,475 to Hwang *et al.* Claims 5, 7-13 and 24-28 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are otherwise considered to be allowable.

Applicants hereby request reconsideration of the rejections of claim 14 and claims 15-23, which are dependent on claim 14, as being anticipated by the patent to Peterson *et al.* Independent claim 14 specifies a method of coupling signals from respective transducer elements in an ultrasonic scanhead to an ultrasonic processor by performing a number of acts at various